

MADEP OPEN BURNING PROGRAM

WHEN IS BURNING PERMITTED?

- January 15 – April 30
- Hours 10 AM – 4 PM
- **Good** Air Quality – DEP's call
- Acceptable dispersion conditions – DEP's call
- OK fire **safety** conditions – local Fire Chief's call
- Permit to burn – from local Fire Dept

WHERE IS BURNING ALLOWED?

In MOST communities...but NOT in the 22
communities with higher-population- density.

WHY PLACE LIMITS ON BURNING?

Asthma, Coughing, Chronic Bronchitis, Decreased Lung Function, Heart Attacks, Premature Death, Carcinogens, etc., etc.

Not neighborly.

Fire safety.

HOW TO FIND OUT IF IT'S OK TO BURN TODAY?

1. MADEP AIR QUALITY **FORECAST** ON WEB
2. MADEP OPEN BURNING **HOTLINE**
3. MADEP EARLY MORNING **EMAILS**
TO STATE FIRE CHIEFS
4. BETTER AND **EARLIER COMMUNICATIONS**
WITH LOCAL FIRE CHIEFS

BURNING ISSUES/COMPLAINTS

Looks like a good burning day, so why can't I burn?

Notification was too late; already gave the okay to burn.

You changed the forecast at the last minute – not fair!

Your forecast gets issued too late.

So, in response...

MEETINGS! With fire chiefs

LISTENING - What are **our** and **their** needs?

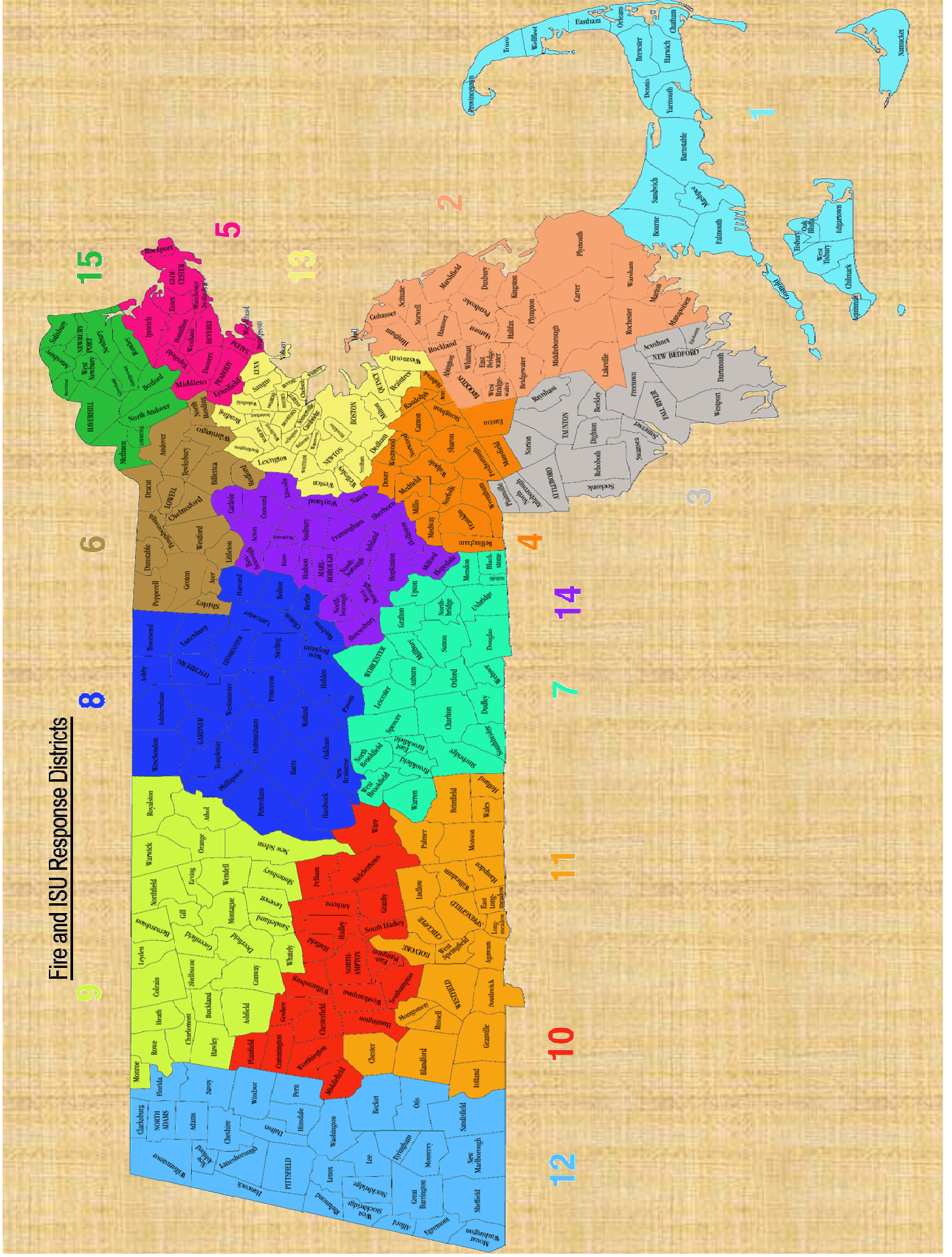
Earlier forecasts – by 7:30 AM

And no changes!

Mail Chimp emails sent on NO BURN days.

Weekend and holiday updates

Fire and ISU Response Districts



AIR QUALITY FORECAST

WEDNESDAY, JAN 15, **7:15 AM** SYNOPSIS: High pressure extending from the plains to the east coast is generating a dry and cold breeze from the west. AIR QUALITY: Morning fine particle readings at numerous locations are around the moderate threshold. But decent mixing and a W breeze should help lower them, keeping them within the good range. **OPEN BURNING ADVISORY:** From an air quality standpoint, conditions today ~~should be~~ **ARE** unacceptable for open burning. Please look for updates. For MassDEP's latest Open Burning Advisory, call 617-556-1021. Follow state guidelines for your open burning:

<http://www.mass.gov/dep/air/compliance/burning.htm#guidelines>.

CLARIFYING MESSAGE TO FIRE CHIEFS

(has received blessings from ACs/RDs)

Pursuant to 310 CMR 7.07(e) and 310 CMR 7.07(g), the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) is **directing** ~~advising~~ local fire departments in Massachusetts Fire & Incident Support Unit (ISU) Response Districts 9, 10, 11, 12 not to issue open burning permits until after noon (12p) on Wednesday, January 30, 2013 because the forecast of prevailing weather conditions will not allow for effective smoke dispersal in the area.